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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Hung V Ngo

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaiser et al.

Kaiser et al disclose an insulating (crosshatch) translucent cover (90)(col. 6, line 20) inherently transmitting heat generated by a transformer (22) because of its transparent property of the cover, wherein the cover has a shape substantially the same as the transformer (near ref number 38 see Fig 1)(re claim 1, 2, 13, 16, 17).

Re claim 4, see Fig 1.

Re claims 7-10, see col. 5, lines 15-20.

Re claim 11, a fuse (col. 5, line 21).

Re claim 12, see Fig 1.

Re claims 14, 15, rigid shells (14, 12)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-10, 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Noone et al.

Noone et al disclose a translucent or transparent cover (41) made of insulating material (col. 5, lines 15-20) and inherently dissipating heat generated by a transformer because of its transparent property of the cover.

Re claim 3, wherein, a bobbin, a core and transformer winding are inherent in the transformer.

Re claim 4, see Fig 5.

Re claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 outer shell comprising first and second halves (32, 41), filling material (38).

Re claim 7, outward extending protrusion (12).

Re claim 8, pins (5).

Re claims 9, 10, the transformer forms a part of power supply circuitry (col. 6, lines 40-46), first and second output of the transformer is accessible through the power pins (4, 5).

The teaching as discussed above does not disclose the cover having a shape substantially the same as the transformer (re claims 1, 2, 13, 16, 17).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the shape of the cover of Noone et al by employing a specific shape, since more than a mere change of form is necessary for patentability. In re Span-Deck Inc. v. Fab-Con, Inc. (CA 8, 1982) 215 USPQ 835.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 04-05-2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues (1) that Kaiser does not show or suggest a translucent cover having a shape substantially the same as the transformer.

With respect to (1) the shape of the cover of Kaiser is substantially the same as the transformer (see Ref No. 38 and portion of Ref No. 14)(Fig 1).

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10, 13-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung V Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 EXT 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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